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Title of Invention 4 TRAS COPY OF PAPERS SLIP RING UNIT WITH A PRINTED CIRCUIT BOARD ORIGINALLY FILED TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS Transmitted herewith is Information Disclosure Statement with copies of three (3) cited references; Form 1449, and post card. Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted. A statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed. Petition for a month extension of time. No additional fee is required. The fee has been calculated as shown below: Seer Than . '. 1' :65 · Small Entity SMall Entity Highest No. or Claims Present eq. Add'i Add'l Remaining Previously Rate Fee Paid For Extra Rate Fee After 45, 64. Amendment x \$18= x \$9= **Total** Minus x \$84= Minus x \$42= Indep. + \$280= First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim Total Total add'I fee add'I fee Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 (BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE) in the amount of \$ copy of this sheet is enclosed. A second to cover the filing fee is enclosed. A check in the amount of \$ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. I hereby petition under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for any extension of time required to ensure that this paper is timely filed. Please charge any associated fees which have not otherwise been paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. Respectfully submitted, John C. Freeman Registration No. 34,483 Attorney for Applicant **BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE** P.O. BOX 10395 CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60610 (312) 321-4200 I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope with sufficient postage addressed to The Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on June 21, 2002.

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In compliance with Applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby submits the following references for consideration by the Examiner. Copies of the references are enclosed along with a completed copy of Form PTO-1449.

I. <u>DISCLOSURE</u>

A. <u>U.S. Patents</u>

Patent No.	Inventor	Issue Date
3,042,998	Sweett et al.	07/10/62
4,870,311	Chase et al.	09/26/89
5,231,374	Larsen et al.	07/27/93

III. <u>CONCLUSION</u>

It is believed that none of these references, alone or in combination, disclose or suggest the invention claimed. However, Applicant wishes to make it clear that the disclosure of the above references is in no way an admission that they qualify as prior art. It is Applicant's desire, however, to have these references available in the record for both the Examiner and the public to see. Applicant therefore requests that the Examiner review the entire disclosure of each reference and make the above-listed references of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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